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Refugee talks begin in Canada

League of Nations (Petra) — The League of Nations delegation to the Middle East, which arrived in Amman Tuesday, will begin its work on the refugee problem in the Middle East. The League Secretary General, Mr. Blix, will lead the delegation. The League of Nations is a permanent international organization for the maintenance of peace and security. It was created after the First World War to prevent another such conflict. The League's work is based on the principles of justice, democracy and the rule of law. It has played a significant role in the development of international law and the promotion of human rights. The League's work is also based on the principles of cooperation and solidarity. It has played a significant role in the development of international law and the promotion of human rights. The League's work is also based on the principles of cooperation and solidarity. It has played a significant role in the development of international law and the promotion of human rights.

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Civil Service President Abdullah Ulayyan congratulates new graduates.

Changes in Civil Service announced

AMMAN (Petra) — The Civil Service Commission (CSC) President Abdullah Ulayyan said the civil servants regulation has undergone 28 amendments, which have been submitted to the Cabinet for endorsement. The new amendments are designed to facilitate procedures. Addressing the first batch of trainees, who successfully completed requirements of the top management course which was organized by the Institute of Public Administration (IPA), Mr. Ulayyan said a set of amendments touching upon principles and concepts governing the discharge of public service jobs, and a proposal to cover public institutions staff by the Civil Servants regulation, will be made by the end of this year.

He pointed out that the CSC has finalised an initial plan for training all government staff during the next four years. The plan gives priority in training to staff occupying the highest grades who will be the first to enrol in such training. The IPA Director Zuhair Al Kayed congratulated the graduates on their graduation and praised their performance during training. One of the graduates made tribute to the achievements made by the IPA in the area of developing the administrative cadre. At the end of the ceremony, Mr. Ulayyan presented certificates to the 24 graduates, who are all occupying posts in the first grade category.

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Premier discusses nuclear energy with atomic agency director



Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker (centre) meets Hans Blix (right) in the presence of Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Ali Ragheb (left).

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker received at the Prime Ministry Tuesday Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Hans Blix in the presence of Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Ali Ragheb. The meeting discussed ways of implementing resolutions by the general conference of IAEA seeking a Middle East free of nuclear arms. Sharif Zeid said that Jordan supports this goal, as a member of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. The prime minister affirmed that Jordan views nuclear energy scientifically, in that it aims to establish projects that would supply cheap energy to agricultural, health, water and electricity.

Mr. Blix expressed IAEA's appreciation of Jordan's stand on the use of atomic energy and added that the agency will continue its assistance programme and support for the establishment of a national nuclear centre, which includes physiotherapy and radiochemistry laboratories and help in training manpower. He said Jordan's views on the uses of atomic energy conform to the international position aiming to protect the environment and have low-cost energy sources. Mr. Blix was also received Tuesday by Foreign Minister Kamel Abu Jaber for an exchange of views on nuclear projects in the Middle East region and international treaties governing the use of nuclear energy.

The two reviewed dangers inherent in the misuse of the nuclear energy in times of peace or war. The IAEA chief and Dr. Abu Jaber stressed the need to have a Middle East free of mass destruction weapons and the importance of this condition in the success of the Middle East peace process. The two sides agreed to hold educational seminars and courses on nuclear energy and its dangers. Following the meeting, Mr. Blix said his visit to Jordan comes to affirm the need to have a

Middle East free of mass destruction weapons. "We are here to discuss with the Jordanian government the way to carry out our difficult duty actively in the region," he said. Mr. Blix was also received by Mr. Ragheb who discussed with him ways of enhancing relations between Jordan and IAEA in nuclear energy fields. Mr. Ragheb thanked the agency for the technical and financial assistance it extended to the ministry to develop the ministry's uses of nuclear energy in peaceful fields. Director of the Ministry's Nuclear Energy Department Ali Murt reviewed at the meeting the development of

the uses of nuclear energy in Jordan since 1986 and the achievements that were accomplished since then in medical, agricultural, pharmaceutical, industrial, environmental and other fields. In 1988 Jordan has presented to the agency an integrated project to establish a national nuclear centre at a total cost of JD 5 million to take five years to be carried out. In 1991 the agency approved extending \$400,000 for the establishment of the centre in 1992/93. The ministry is now seeking to raise the agency's contribution to \$600,000 annually for a period of five years.

Ports corporation creates new training department. AQABA (Petra) — The Ports Corporation has created a new department for staff training and development. The new department, which was created in implementation of the prime minister's directives on administrative reform, aims at developing studies, planning, statistics training and scholarships, as well as marine trade. Director of the newly created department, Ibrahim Al Tayyan said in view of the corporation's expansion, their has been a dire need for creating such a department, which will undertake field studies on production criteria and assessment of performance, with a view to enhancing productivity and upgrading performance. The department will also undertake

studies on projects and proposals to develop the port's services and installations, analyse production and statistical figures on the port's activities and compiling them in statistical tables, Mr. Tayyan said. One of the duties of the department is also to survey tariff and pricing policies applicable in regional and international ports, Mr. Tayyan said. He pointed out that the department will also make suggestions about developing national maritime law to ensure that it keeps abreast with the developments in international maritime trade. Mr. Tayyan pointed out that his department includes four sections: Training and scholarships, research and studies, statistics and computer monitoring.

Needy families in Karak receive JD 500,000 aid. KARAK (Petra) — The Karak Social Development Department is extending JD 500,000 in assistance to 1,903 needy families in Al Karak Governorate and Al Qasr and Al Mazar districts, Department Director Adnan Daoudiyeh said Tuesday. Mr. Daoudiyeh said 200 new families were added this year to the list of needy families benefiting from the department's assistance while 322 cases are currently under study. He said the department has extended JD 300,000 to 200 families to help them start their own income generating projects, and 577 medical insurance cards were presented to needy families free of charge. The department, he said, is currently preparing to open a centre for the deaf in the governorate to accommodate 60 deaf persons, noting that four

educational courses were held for mothers of disabled persons. Mr. Daoudiyeh said the department is supervising 12 nurseries and kindergartens and 39 voluntary societies which offer services for children. In special education fields, the department's Society for the Disabled is offering educational and training services to 83 cases, while 26 cases are benefiting from services offered by the department's Cerebral Palsy Centre, Mr. Daoudiyeh said. He added that the local community development centre in Al Hamaideh village offers educational, health and social services to citizens. One hundred trainees are enrolled in courses on dress-making, tricot, typing and making artificial flowers at the centre, he said.

Royal Jordanian agrees on new flights to Peking. AMMAN (Petra) — A civil aviation delegation, headed by Civil Aviation Authority President Ahmad Juweiber returned home Tuesday at the end of an official visit to China, where he held talks with Chinese officials on bilateral cooperation in the field of air transport. In a statement to the Jordanian News Agency, Mr. Juweiber said he initiated an agreement with the Civil Aviation Authorities in Peking. Under the agreement, the Royal Jordanian can fly three regular weekly flights to Peking without any restrictions on types of aircrafts used or their seating capacity. Mr. Juweiber said the agreement heralds the beginning of a process designed to enhance scopes of cooperation, and bolster economic and trade ties with China.

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for a place in the

In Amman however, the qualifying teams will depend on the outcome of the Orthodox-Al Ahli match tonight at the Sports Palace Court. If Al Orthodox win they will move to the second round with an unbeaten record together with Al Jazira who will have one defeat (by Al Orthodox) while Al Ahli will have two losses thus taking third place. On the other hand, if Al Ahli win they

Al Iqbal's Chait, Yousef Abu Baker and
Dates continued speaking.

Top boxing trainers

Benton became a triathlete on a long career as a professional triathlete. He was a professional triathlete, but he was an amateur weightlifter in the 1990s. He was a young triathlete who was

CONFIDENTIAL

'WITH GREAT SHARP'
& TANNIA HIRSCH
1992 Tribune (Nov 1) Section 1, p. 10

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South

you hold:
 485 QG3 02976 02980
 The bidding has proceeded:
 North East South West
 1 C Pass 2 S Pass

2 ♣ Pass ?
What do you bid now?
A.—Partner's reverse shows a strong hand and, because of your two-over-one response, is game-forcing. Despite the fact that your queen of hearts is a golden card, you don't want to encourage partner too much. Bid two no trump.

9.2—Both vulnerable, as South

you hold:
083 CAKQ 0005103 SAC
 What is your opening bid?
 A.—We have sympathy for all who
 selected one diamond (the hap-
 py

isn't nearly strong enough for a demand bid), but we don't know how to describe a balanced 21 points with a good five-card suit thereafter. We would simply lie about our spade holding and open two no trump, fully aware that it could lead to a catastrophe.

Q.3—Both vulnerable to South
you ho'd:
2K95 7AKC 667 6407

North	East	South	West
10	10	10	10
2	2	2	2

Q.4—is South, v. N. still open?

SA105 7875
The bidding has proceeded
North East South
16 3 2

What action do you intend?
A.—At rubber bridge, we have a double end take whatever penalties are available, since we would still be 2-to-1 favorites to win the rubber. In duplicate, we aren't sure what the penalty would compensate for—possibly missed game or even a pair of three, no trump would be a loss.

reasonable step.

2.6—As South. ...
hold:
5532 PAR33
The bidding has progressed
South West ...

What do you bid now?
A.—We do not mind raising partner's major-suit response with three-card support or rebidding in no trump with slightly off-shoot hands, but only if no better option

presents itself. Here, we can comfortably rebuild two distinct but different five-card suits, and it seems to us the most appropriate

Q.6—As South. ...
hold:
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SECRET

FOR SALE FOR VENTURA NOVEMBER 11, 1954

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GENERAL TENDENCIES:
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 -place together a system.

1971-1972: March 21 to April 19) D
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present is not good as can

STAINS: (April 20 to May 2)
 During a complaint to an attorney concerning his daughter the father was the model, but tonight nothing that can offend him is allowed.

QWENNA: May 21 to June 2
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in the day will help an impu
sion can give you a problem
you alone.

THE NEW YORK TIMES (June 22, 1978) 21st Century International studies interests can be productive of major benefits for you but for what price? Who is the benefit to a

July 22 to August 21) A first step to get much accomplished in the summer is to get a

From 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on August 21 to September 1, 1990.

1. The first step is to identify the problem or question that needs to be answered. This involves understanding the context and the specific requirements of the task.

things you like the most
ize in your life so get at them
but later use much care
work you have to do

LEERA: (September 23 to 22) Show your family your love by some practical help. Bring home and get their work done tonight; avoid an argument. Finish nothing.

SCOTTIO: (October 23 to November 21) Put more of your sense ideas across to those whom you have usual contact. Later avoid trying to make a work problem.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23-December 21) A very business approach at year-end problems will easily solve today but tonight don't get involved in extensive pleasure.

CAPRICORN: (December 22-January 20) Whatever is of personal need to you can be halfway in obtained by your efforts now while later one of some require much

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Look at every financial plan for making dreams come true and with advisors, tonight the much more on the highway.

FISCHER: (February 20 to 20) Be very down to earth after whatever is of intimate concern to you and you make him in painting while tonight does not leave.

THE BROTHER MAGES

By Morris

WOW! WE'VE
ACCOMPLISHED
OUR MAGE!

DON'T
NOW HOW!!
THEY DIDN'T
TEACH THAT
WHEN I WENT
TO SCHOOL!!

WAGGS

IMMENSE

This SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
 by Mervin Amlund and Bob LaRue

Use these letters to scramble
 the letters in each column to form
 one ordinary word.

U N T I C S
 I C K L E N
 A L L E R G I C
 D E F E R
 T I M I D
 E L E M E N T
 S P I R I T U A L
 C O Y L E S O N
 I N T E R I O R

If you're going out,
 leave your umbrella
 at home.

Now arrange the circled letters to
 form the surprise answer, as sug-
 gested by the above cartoon.

I T I N
 H S

(Remember tomorrow's
 edition.)

This family bet was so bright that he earned
 the...

THE ONLY CROSSWORD

by Al Zecher

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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved

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P	L	E	S	T	I	S	I	P	E	R	O
S	T	I	S	I	S	I	S	I	S	I	S
C	A	T	I	L	E	D	O	N	E	L	
R	E	V	I	L	E	A	L	I	G	E	N
S	E	R	I	S	E	C	O	N	I	T	I
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E	R	A	L	L	E	T	I	E	R	E	N
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S	E	R	E	S	E	C	O	N	I	T	I
S	P	E	E	D	E	R	E	S	E	C	O
S	P	E	E	D	E	R	E	S	E	C	O
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Financial Markets

Currency	NEW YORK CLOSE Date 9/11/92	TOKYO CLOSE Date 10/11/92
sterling Pound	1.5105	1.5101
Deutsche Mark	1.6042	1.6037
Swiss Franc	1.4365	1.4403
French Franc	5.4165	5.3980**
Japanese Yen	124.28	124.37
European Currency Unit	1.2240	1.2266**

SD Per STN.
European Opening @ 8:00 a.m. GMT
*Bank bid rate for amounts exceeding U.S. Dollars 1,000,000 or equivalent.

Currency	1 MTH	3 MTHS	6 MTHS	12 MTHS
U.S. Dollar	3.25	3.92	3.67	3.00
sterling Pound	7.00	6.75	6.50	5.12
Deutsche Mark	6.93	6.57	6.43	7.87
Swiss Franc	6.31	6.37	6.75	5.81
French Franc	9.25	4.74	8.93	8.50
Japanese Yen	3.57	5.75	5.62	3.56
European Currency Unit	10.18	10.00	9.50	5.87

Commodity	USD/Oz	JD/Gm	Metal	USD/Oz	JD/Gm
Gold	330.25	6.50	Silver	5.72	.080

Central Bank of Jordan Exchange Rate Bulletin

Currency	Bid	Offer
U.S. Dollar	0.639	0.691
sterling Pound	1.0419	1.0471
Deutsche Mark	0.4298	0.4319
Swiss Franc	0.4789	0.4813
French Franc	0.1273	0.1279
Japanese Yen	0.5536	0.5564
Italian Lira	0.0503	0.0506
Spanish Peseta	0.02090	0.02100

Currency	Bid	Offer
U.S. Dollar	1.6050	1.6200
sterling Pound	0.0545	0.0545
Japanese Yen	0.1835	0.1845
Saudi Riyal	2.2000	2.2000
Israeli Sheqel	0.1867	0.1878
Lebanese Pound	0.2000	0.2100
Yemeni Rial	1.7600	1.7720
AE Dirham	0.1867	0.1878
Thai Baht	33.150	33.750
Indonesian Rupiah	1.4470	1.4770

Index	8/11/92	Close	9/11/92	Close
D-Share	156.91		156.64	
Banking Sector	117.45		117.02	
Insurance Sector	172.36		172.38	
Industry Sector	207.42		207.39	
Services Sector	226.40		225.78	

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

NDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for the London Foreign Exchange and bullion markets Tuesday.

Currency	1.5118/28	U.S. dollars
sterling	1.2606/11	Canadian dollar
U.S. dollar	1.5965/75	Deutsche marks
	1.7960/75	Dutch guilders
	1.4370/80	Swiss francs
	32.81/85	Belgian francs
	5.3925/75	French francs
	1363/1365	Italian lire
	124.13/18	Japanese yen
	5.9990/6.0090	Swedish crowns
	6.4950/5000	Norwegian crowns
	6.1150/250	Danish crowns
ounce of gold	\$330.40/330.80	

EC, Egypt agree on \$0.8b aid allocation

CAIRO (R) — The European Community (EC) signed an agreement with Egypt Monday on how to allocate a five-year \$780 million aid programme, part of its fast-growing assistance to the southern Mediterranean region.

The agreement, which will direct funds to agriculture and tourism and speed up public sector reforms, comes as a welcome boost to Egypt, which is worried by pressure on the aid budget of its major donor, the United States.

EC officials told a news conference Egypt's \$68 million ECU (\$784 million) fourth protocol from 1992-96 was part of a fast-expanding aid budget to southern Mediterranean countries as the richer European countries try to ensure economic growth and political stability on their southern flanks.

"There is a big difference with the third protocol... we are innovating quite a lot," said Jean-Paul Jesse, head of cooperation with the southern and eastern Mediterranean at the European Commission.

Monday's allocation agreement will release funds for the protocol, which was signed last year.

EC spokesman Mark Schwarz said aid to the region — which

includes Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Israel, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon — would jump about 40 per cent to 4.41 billion ECUs (\$6.09 billion) in the new round of five-year agreements.

"These agreements were the first since communism fell in eastern Europe and it was important to show the Mediterranean countries they had not been forgotten, that the concept of 'proximity' applied to them too," said Mr. Schwarz.

European aid to Egypt has more than tripled since the late 1970s while American aid, linked to Egypt's groundbreaking peace

negotiations with Israel, has remained level and is now under cost-cutting pressure.

Washington has told Egypt that for at least one year aid is certain to remain at the current \$2.1 billion, which is fixed by law.

"After that, nothing is certain," a senior Western aid official told Reuters last week. "There's pressure to cut (American) public spending on all sides and aid is one of the most vulnerable areas because there's no home constituency."

Mr. Jesse said the EC planned to help Egypt's economic reforms by concentrating on areas where member states had developed expertise, giving as examples French experience in agricultural credit and British and German privatisation drives.

The EC protocol provides for 242 million ECUs (\$334 million) in grants, 310 million ECUs (\$428 million) in concessional loans and 16 ECUs million (\$22 million) in risk capital to the private sector.

EC member country aid to Egypt including bilateral agreements totals nearly a billion dollars a year compared to \$815 million in economic aid from Washington. The U.S. also provides \$1.3 billion in military aid.

Air Canada group wins bid to take over Continental

HOUSTON (R) — A group led by Air Canada won the bidding war for Continental Airlines Holdings Inc. Monday with a \$450 million offer that will give it a controlling stake in the carrier as part of a bankruptcy reorganization.

Under the deal, which Continental says will become effective when it emerges from chapter 11 proceedings early next year, Air Canada and Fort Worth-based Air Partners each will get a 27.5 per cent stake in the carrier, with warrants allowing them to increase their holdings.

Continental's unsecured creditors, who have approved the deal, will get 35.6 per cent of the restructured airline.

Analysts said the deal, while allowing Continental to emerge from its two years in bankruptcy protection, also marks a big step forward for Air Canada, which last month broke off efforts to merge with rival Canadian Airlines.

A spokesman for the winning bidders said the new owners intend to maintain Continental's current top management, although they will appoint 12 members to the 18-seat board of directors.

Air Canada, about one-quarter the size of Continental, has a high cost structure and heavy debt load, analysts said.

They said the two are likely to combine reservations systems and overlapping ground operations to cut costs and to match schedules to transfer passengers between the airlines.

For Continental, the deal could be the first step in an attempt to find global partners, possibly an airline with strong service to the

Pacific rim, analysts said.

Montreal-based Air Canada will get 24 per cent of Continental's voting stock to comply with a U.S. law that limits foreign companies from holding more than 25 per cent of a U.S.-based carrier's voting stock.

Air Partners, an investment partnership led by David Bonderman and James Coulier, takes 41 per cent.

Continental said the Air Canada-Air Partners investment includes \$140 million in new stock and \$310 million secured debt in the deal, which is subject to bankruptcy court and regulator approval.

Analysts said Continental was a more desirable property than either of the other two big carriers in chapter 11, Trans World Airlines and America West.

Air Canada and Air Partners' bid for Continental won over a rival offer from Maxxam Inc., a Houston-based real estate and aluminum group, and Aeromexico, Mexico's leading airline.

Other bidders included a group led by Mexican investor Alfredo Brenner, whose family is the main stockholder in Mexicana Airlines, and billionaire Marvin Davis, who was backed by Germany's Lufthansa Airlines.

Air Canada has 20,000 employees and serves 117 destinations.

Gold price drops to lowest level in almost 7 years

LONDON (R) — Gold plunged to its lowest price since Tuesday for almost seven years Tuesday, after huge selling of the precious metal by U.S. investment funds and Middle East speculators in New York and Asia.

The price tumbled through several so-called support levels at which market analysts had expected it to hold.

"The funds have got the financial muscle to push gold where they want it and they sold it down through all the support levels without even blinking," one senior bullion dealer said.

Gold was fixed at \$330.20 an ounce in London Tuesday morning, its lowest since January, 1986. By midsession in Europe it was quoted little changed at around \$330.50.

Dealers said bullion could slide further towards \$325 if renewed selling pressure developed on the U.S. futures market.

The funds and Middle Eastern speculators who have been actively selling gold since it fell through \$340 near the end of October might make large profits if they manage to buy the metal back at the lowest possible prices to close out their trading positions.

Market confidence has been badly dented by gold's fall because the end of the year is traditionally the strongest period for prices, when Western jewelers stock up for the Christmas buying period and Asian demand soars in preparation for the Chinese New Year.

"This just shouldn't be happening now. Gold demand in Asia and the Middle East is booming," a bullion dealer said.

He said the lack of investors in the gold market after years of falling prices had left it thin and vulnerable to speculative raids by investment funds and oil-rich Middle East operators who can direct large sums of money at the market to move prices.

The real danger for gold is that the seasonal support of jewellery demand will largely disappear in the early months of the new year, leaving the metal to fall further towards \$280.

Dealers said that at that price, high-cost gold mines in South Africa — the world's largest gold producer — would be under severe financial pressure, leading to mine closures that might turn around the decline in price.

COMPANY'S NAME	TRADING PRICE	OPENING PRICE	CLOSING PRICE
JORDAN RUMALTY BANK	10.014	1.290	1.270
THE JORDAN BANK	828	1.200	1.200
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BANK	9.823	2.410	2.400
UNION BANK FOR SAVING & INVESTMENT	16.978	2.010	2.010
JORDAN NATIONAL BANK	230.794	1.870	1.870
JORDAN BANK FOR INVESTMENT/SAVING	62.431	1.930	1.850
JORDAN RUMALTY INVESTMENT	123.993	4.000	4.000
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO SECURITIES	123.924	1.100	1.100
BUSINESS BANK	474.485	1.440	1.440
WTT RUMALTY INVESTMENT FOR HOUSING	368	1.200	1.200
BANK OF JORDAN	1.170	1.500	1.500
ARAB BANK	2.950	2.950	2.950
JORDAN INSURANCE	10.367	2.940	2.940
JORDAN FIRE INSURANCE	8.650	2.940	2.940
ARAB LIFE & ACCIDENT INSURANCE	21.432	1.410	1.410
JORDANIAN ELECTRIC POWER	6.100	1.260	1.260
INVESTMENT & PORTFOLIO	62.919	2.290	2.290
UNITED MIDDLE EAST & CONDOMINIUM HOTELS	686	0.250	0.250
JORDAN MEDICAL CORPORATION	92.851	0.980	0.980
HAZEMAN EQUIP. REPAIRING & MAINTENANCE	3.794	1.190	1.190
PETRA ENTERPRISES & EQUIPMENTS LEASING	2.963	1.490	1.490
JORDAN GULF REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT	794	1.150	1.150
JORDAN RUMALTY TRADING CENTER	14.209	1.440	1.440
JORDAN RUMALTY CO. FOR AGRI. & FOOD PROD.	56.744	2.510	2.510
ARAB PAPER CONVERTING & TRADING	103.922	8.990	9.010
JORDAN DAIRY	11.514	6.100	6.100
ARAB ALUMINUM INDUSTRY	52.271	5.890	5.900
ARAB FARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURING	109.683	16.000	16.000
NATIONAL STEEL INDUSTRIES	1.095	5.000	5.000
DAR AL DANA DEVELOPMENT & INVESTMENT	63.991	3.670	3.670
INTERMEDIATE PETRO-CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES	1.095	10.000	10.000
THE JORDAN WOODSTOCK KILLS	2.560	0.760	0.760
JORDAN GLASS INDUSTRIES	1.095	5.000	5.000
JORDAN PHARMACEUTICALS	29.698	3.290	3.290
THE JORDAN PAPER MANUFACTURING	165.160	3.670	3.670
ARAB CENTER FOR PHARM. & CHEMICALS	26.966	0.930	0.930
NATIONAL INDUSTRIES	9.181	6.000	6.000
JORDAN CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES	15.132	3.670	3.670
ALADIN INDUSTRIES	3.792	1.390	1.390
BATA INDUSTRIES	17.055	2.000	2.000
MOULDER INDUSTRIES	17.157	1.390	1.390
JORDAN INDUSTRIES & HATCH/SHED	4.306	2.130	2.130
SPINNING & WEAVING	2.363	1.120	1.120
JORDAN WOOD INDUSTRIES / JWC	96.946	4.000	4.000
NATIONAL CABLE & WIRE MANUFACTURING	404.965	4.340	4.340
JORDAN SULPHUR-CHEMICALS	38.816	1.370	1.370
THE JORDAN CEMENT FACTORIES	27.838	1.980	1.980
JORDAN FERTILIZER INDUSTRIES	32.248	0.550	0.550
JORDAN FERTILIZER INDUSTRIES	32.854	0.500	0.500
UNIVERSAL WOOD INDUSTRIES	40.245	2.930	2.930
ARAB INVESTMENT & INTERNATIONAL TRADE			
GRAND TOTAL	1,425,250		

Rouble sinks below 400 per dollar

MOSCOW (R) — The rouble dropped to a new record low on Moscow's interbank currency exchange Tuesday, falling below 400 roubles per dollar for the first time.

The exchange said the rouble traded at 403 to the dollar, down from the previous all-time low of 399 on Thursday.

The volume traded fell to \$28.37 million, from \$40.46 million at the previous session on Thursday.

Exchange experts were not immediately available for comment.

Last week they said no sharp movements were expected and predicted the rouble would remain weak, reflecting the continued decline in Russian industrial production and worries that inflation was poised to rise.

Twice-weekly sessions on the Moscow exchange give banks and companies a limited opportunity to trade dollars. The rate set at the exchange is also a benchmark rate for the central bank.

The Russian government has recently issued a new set of grim economic forecasts, but offered crumbs of comfort by predicting less than catastrophic declines.

Senior government economic advisor Alexei Ulyukayev told a news conference the general decline would continue in 1993, only more slowly.

He was careful not to make any rash predictions to raise the hopes of millions buffeted by months of soaring inflation and bracing for another winter of hardship and deprivation.

"We shall guarantee that there is no 1992-style collapse of the sys-

tem... we are going to witness a further decline in industrial production next year, but it will be less sharp," he said.

Speaking after a government meeting which discussed the 13 outlook, Mr. Ulyukayev declined to give a forecast for the oil sector, where production has been plummeting, threatening the lifeblood of the economy.

He also stuck his neck out only slightly on the issue of falling living standards and inflation, expected to top 1,000 per cent this year.

"Real earnings are going to increase somewhat," he said.

Government experts estimated industrial output would fall by between eight and 10 per cent next year, compared with an 18 to 20 per cent drop in 1992, he said.

Gross National Product (GNP) was seen falling by five to eight per cent. This year's GNP fall would be about 25 per cent.

Agricultural production was expected to remain at its present level, Mr. Ulyukayev said. Russia's farm output has long been unable to meet the needs of the 150 million population.

ITAR-TASS news agency quoted Economy Minister Andrei Nchayev as saying the government's 1993 forecasts were fairly optimistic.

But he believed inflationary pressure would ease. Monthly price rises would not exceed 10 per cent next year.

Acting Prime Minister Yegor Gaidar has vowed to tighten monetary policy after a period during which the government and the central bank granted billions

of roubles in new credits for struggling industrial and agricultural enterprises.

Thousands of companies were on the brink of bankruptcy only weeks before the country's privatisation programme began its main thrust at the start of October with the issuing of vouchers for people to exchange for cash or shares in state firms.

President Boris Yeltsin signed a decree last month authorising the use of the vouchers to buy land, housing and municipal buildings.

The government 1993 outlook warned of the consequences of an over-rigid financial policy.

"A sharper downturn in production may be observed, accompanied by massive bankruptcies and unemployment," TASS quoted it as saying.

Dr. Awad said that while the IMF wanted Sudan to withdraw support from the rich and spare the poor, the government withdrew support from everyone.

While the IMF wanted the government to sell off loss-making public corporations, the government decided to get rid also of those making money, he added.

Three weeks ago, former Sudanese prime minister Sadeq Al Mahdi said in an interview with the government-owned newspaper Al Darfur Al Jedida (new darfur) that the lot of the people had worsened since Lieutenant General Omar Hassan Al Bashir seized power from him more than three years ago.

Dr. Awad urged the government to reimpose price controls and ensure that salaries matched the cost of living.

While the price of dura, Sudan's staple food, had dropped the prices of other commodities had not, he said.

Despite a recent increase in salaries, he added, few government officials could afford to buy meat.

The minimum private sector wage in Sudan is 2,000 Sudanese pounds (\$17). In the public sector it is 2,500 pounds (\$21).

A kilogramme of meat costs at least 240 pounds (\$2).

Dr. Awad said 4.5 million people needed help not just the 500,000 the government says require zakat (alms). University lecturers were among those who need zakat, he added.

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Yeltsin warns of coup threat, hints at emergency powers

LONDON (R) — President Boris Yeltsin Tuesday warned that right-wing forces in Russia could try to stage a coup and gave a clear signal that he would assume emergency powers if necessary to thwart them.

Mr. Yeltsin's stark speech to both houses of the Russian parliament drove home the opposition he faces to his political and economic reform of post-Soviet Russia, where Communists and nationalists alike are bidding to bring down his government.

"We must directly recognise: There are in our country forces interested in a revanchist coup," Mr. Yeltsin told an audience of 400 parliamentarians and guests packed into the ornately gilded Royal Gallery of the parliament building on the River Thames.

But he said his government would not allow "reaction" to triumph and pledged to press on with economic reform.

"If necessary, I shall use the power granted to me by the people," he said.

Accompanied into and out of the chamber by a fanfare of trumpets, Mr. Yeltsin received a two-minute standing ovation at the end of a speech interrupted more

than a dozen times by warm applause.

The principal force in the overthrow last year of Soviet communism and the Soviet Union itself, he was only the ninth foreign leader in 25 years to address members of the Houses of Lords and the Commons.

The other eight have been leaders of Western allied nations and the honour afforded Mr. Yeltsin symbolised the high profile Britain has given his two-day official visit in a clear bid to bolster his position and anchor Russia in the Western camp.

The centrepiece of Mr. Yeltsin's stay was the signing Monday of the first comprehensive treaty on relations between Britain and Russia since 1766.

Mr. Yeltsin was also due to lunch with Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace. British newspapers speculated that he would use the occasion to invite the queen to make the first visit to Russia by a British monarch since before the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution.

Mr. Yeltsin must confront mounting discontent as output plunges and inflation soars in the painful shift from a command economy.

He faces a stormy session of the conservative-dominated Russian Congress of People's Deputies on Dec. 1 which may try to unseat him and declined earlier this month to rule out assuming emergency powers.

In his speech he listed the potential coup plotters as remnants of the former Communist Party and state elite, militant nationalists, some old-fashioned economic managers and "political adventurers."

"All these forces have come to life in recent times, they are trying to switch to open massed attack, speculating on the difficulties which the people are experiencing," he said. "But I am convinced such plans are not destined to be fulfilled."

"The political excitement being whipped up now in the country is nothing but a theatre of shadows, in which the ghosts of the past are giving their farewell performance."

Echoing a phrase beloved by former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Mr. Yeltsin said "there is no alternative" to his economic liberalisation policies despite the hardships.

"Despite the hysterics of the opponents of reforms, Russia will not stop and will not turn back," he declared.

He appealed for sympathy from British parliamentarians for his efforts to defend the rights of Russian minorities in other former Soviet republics and defended his action in sending troops to quell ethnic unrest in southern Russia.

He also confirmed a shift in Russian thinking away from the idea of total abolition of nuclear weapons towards the long-term nuclear deterrence favoured by the West.

"For the foreseeable future, it is now apparent, nuclear weapons will remain an essential component of international security policy," he said.

Mr. Yeltsin Tuesday also met the leader of Britain's opposition Labour Party, John Smith, and visited the headquarters of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, set up to help Eastern Europe's new democracies.

He was due to leave for Hungary Tuesday evening after a news conference and a visit to Westminster Abbey.



A woman standing by her belongings wipes her eyes after she tried to leave her village. Her house was destroyed during clashes between Georgian troops and Abkhazian fighters (AFP photo)

Russian troops move into Ingushetia

MOSCOW (Agencies) — Russian troops moved into the southern region of Ingushetia Tuesday to maintain a state of emergency imposed by Moscow earlier this month, ITAR-TASS News Agency said.

The agency quoted the interim regional administration as saying a paratroop regiment, units of elite Spetsnaz Forces and Interior Ministry Forces started moving in at 11 a.m. (0800 GMT).

TASS said there was no immediate reaction from Ossetian authorities. It quoted Russian military sources as saying there had been no serious incident.

More than 200 people have been killed in a week of fighting over a disputed border between Ingushetia and neighbouring North Ossetia. Troops moved into North Ossetia a week ago.

Moscow imposed a state of emergency in the region last week to stop the first ethnic conflict in Russia since the Soviet Union collapsed last year.

The fighting ceased when the Russian army and Interior Ministry Forces moved into the centre of conflict in Ossetia. But troops had not been sent into Ingushetia before Tuesday's action.

The disputed district, once belonging to Ingushetia, was handed to Ossetia during World War II by Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin, who accused the Ingushis of collaboration with Nazi Germany and deported them to Siberia and Kazakhstan.

President Yeltsin Monday removed the deputy prime minister as head of the provisional government in North Ossetia.

Georgy Khizha told a news conference he had been replaced as administrator of the southern Russian region by Sergei Shakhrai, a former Yeltsin adviser who was named deputy prime minister for ethnic issues last week. Mr. Khizha will retain his other duties as deputy prime minister.

Mr. Khizha said Russian troops now control North Ossetia.

Mr. Khizha said more than 36,000 Ingush had fled the fighting. About 30,000 went to neighbouring Ingushetia and 6,000 to Russian military bases in the area.

The North Ossetians turned over 877 hostages to the Ingush Monday in return for the Ingush returning 383 people, the Interfax

Berlin makes Gorbachev, Rehn honorary citizens

BERLIN (R) — Berlin granted honorary citizenship to former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, former U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz and German Chancellor Helmut Kohl for helping bring down the Berlin Wall. The ceremony took place at the Reichstag building on the third anniversary of the fall of the wall.

Mr. Gorbachev and Mr. Shultz were awarded honorary citizenship for their role in the fall of the Berlin Wall. Mr. Kohl was awarded honorary citizenship for his role in the reunification of Germany.

Mrs. Yeltsin goes sightseeing in London

LONDON (R) — Mrs. Yeltsin, wife of Russian President Boris Yeltsin, went sightseeing in London on Tuesday. She was accompanied by her children and a group of photographers.

Mrs. Yeltsin was seen walking through the city streets, looking at the sights and taking photographs. She was wearing a dark coat and a hat.

Angola accuses rebels of massing troops

LUANDA, Angola (AP) — The government Tuesday accused UNITA of concentrating forces in the south, another ominous sign that civil war could resume over September's contested elections.

U.N. peace negotiators have been trying to contact UNITA leader Jonas Savimbi at his stronghold in the central city of Huambo.

Mr. Savimbi called U.N. headquarters in Luanda Monday and said a meeting might be possible Tuesday, according to an assistant to Margaret Anstee, the U.N. representative for Angola.

Ms. Anstee and U.N. Undersecretary-General Marrack Goulding have been trying to contact Mr. Savimbi. Mr. Goulding

in some provinces of the country. It accused UNITA of concentrating forces near Lobango in southern Huila province.

In the cities of Uige and Negage, northeast of Luanda, people were fleeing their homes and taking refuge in surrounding villages, state radio said.

It said government and UNITA officials were calling for calm and had agreed to set up joint patrols in the area.

State radio said Monday that government and UNITA commanders had negotiated peace agreements in central and southern provinces where UNITA is thought to be strong. But unconfirmed reports said government aircraft had attacked rebel positions for the first time in over a

Fighting flares again in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH (R) — United Nations peacekeepers have reported more firefights in Cambodia, where rival faction leaders have predicted all-out war unless a peace pact can finally be salvaged.

The situation has been tense... in several areas of Cambodia, a U.N. official said Tuesday, adding that the truce violations appeared to be isolated incidents.

Fighting flared Friday, the day before a weekend conference in Peking to resume last year's peace accord. The meeting ended in failure.

In the most serious incident, a crowd gathered for a religious ceremony in Kompong Thom came under small-arms and mortar fire. U.N. officials said three people were killed and 24 wounded in the attack, which villagers blamed on Khmer Rouge guerrillas.

The Khmer Rouge were also suspected of being responsible for a second attack in the province that left one man dead and three children injured.

Phnom Penh authorities also blamed Khmer Rouge guerrillas and fighters from a non-Communist faction for an attack near the capital Saturday.

Authorities said five Khmer Rouge fighters were killed, but a U.N. investigation said the government was fighting the fighting and no Khmer Rouge fighters were involved. Government troops

Martinique wins France's literary prize

PARIS (R) — Caribbean Patrick Chamoiseau won the Prix Goncourt, France's premier literary prize, for his novel Texaco.

Mr. Chamoiseau is a Martinican writer who has lived in France. His novel Texaco is a story of a man who builds a new life on a deserted island.

France, U.K. locked in new row over Maastricht

PARIS (R) — France and Britain were locked in a new row over the Maastricht Treaty Tuesday after President Francois Mitterrand lashed out at Prime Minister John Major for postponing British ratification of European union.

In unusually blunt language, Mr. Mitterrand described Mr. Major's decision to delay parliamentary ratification of political, economic and monetary union until after Denmark holds a new referendum on the issue as "unacceptable" but not surprising.

Mr. Major's office shot back a

curt statement saying the timing was a matter for the British government.

Asked about the delay, Mr. Mitterrand told a television interviewer: "I think it is bad... perhaps he wants to gain a little extra time. That is what I understand when he said 'we will wait for the Danes to change their position before deciding.'"

"That is unacceptable. I have told him that and I will tell him that again," the French leader said Monday night.

Mr. Mitterrand said he would raise the matter at next month's European Community (EC) summit in Edinburgh.

"If they need a few weeks in 1993 after the deadline, that's fair enough, at least for France. But not more," he said.

He noted Mr. Major had personally negotiated and signed the treaty, adding: "I think he will stick to his word."

The French leader recalled that Mr. Major's predecessor, Margaret Thatcher, had resisted up to the last minute in 1985 an agreement on the so-called Single European Act, but accepted in the end to avoid isolation.

Mr. Mitterrand's tough words appeared to reflect a concern that

Rebel leader proposes ceasefire in Liberia

MONROVIA (AP) — Rebel leader Charles Taylor, threatened by a beefed-up peacekeeping force and apparently abandoned by a powerful hacker, proposed a ceasefire Tuesday in his three-week assault on the capital.

A spokesman, reached by satellite phone in Taylor-held Liberia, said the rebel leader wanted all fighting to stop at noon Tuesday, 12 hours before the deadline West African leaders set for a truce.

The spokesman asked that his name be withheld.

The West Africans had said they would impose a total blockade on Mr. Taylor's territory if he failed to comply. This was expected to include an offensive to take Monrovia's international airport and the port of Buchanan, now being used by Mr. Taylor to receive supplies.

On Sunday night Mr. Taylor's radio station said the rebels would fight to the last man, but on Monday afternoon his staff said no decision had been made on whether to honour the truce.

Meanwhile, in neighbouring Ivory Coast, religious organisations said 12 Americans and three Britons associated with missions — 10 adults and five children — were freed after 10 days in the hands of Taylor rebels and were safe in neighbouring Ivory Coast.

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

N. Ireland peace talks fail

BELFAST (R) — An Anglo-Irish bid to end one of the world's longest-running guerrilla conflicts ended in failure Tuesday with Northern Ireland peace talks winding down after six months of intensive negotiations. Britain has been bidding to return the war-weary province to some form of local power-sharing between deeply mistrustful Protestants and Catholics after 18 years of direct rule from London. British and Irish ministers and leaders of the four main Northern Ireland constitutional parties have decided to end the latest round of negotiations rather than let them drag on without any real hope of a settlement. Britain's Northern Ireland Minister Sir Patrick Mayhew remained optimistic. "If the talks have not reached the ambitious objectives we sought, nevertheless things are never going to be the same again," he said. But Dr. John Alderdice, leader of the middle-of-the-road Alliance Party, felt a valuable opportunity had been missed to end the conflict. "Agreement was possible, it was there for the taking," he said.

Gorbachev defends Honecker

BERLIN (AP) — Former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev Monday defended former East German leader Erich Honecker, who faces trial this week for the deaths of people killed at the Berlin Wall. Mr. Gorbachev, in Berlin to mark the third anniversary of the Nov. 9, 1989, opening of the wall, is credited with helping topple Mr. Honecker by refusing to support the former East German Communist Party chief in the face of mounting pro-democracy protests. At a news conference, Mr. Gorbachev said Mr. Honecker was the leader of a nation that had been recognised as legitimate by many other countries, and that nations have the right to control their border.

Germans rally against racism

FRANKFURT (AP) — About 200,000 people marched through numerous German cities, to protest against anti-Semitism and intolerance on the 54th anniversary of the Nazis' "crystal night" attacks. Right-wing radicals marred the local rally in Rostock. According to Rostock Police, about 2,500 people held a quiet anti-racism vigil Monday in the east German city, where the current nationwide spree of daily attacks on refugees began in August. After the vigil was over, about 40 right-wing radicals armed with baseball bats marched through the city centre. Police arrested six of the militants. No attacks were reported. Berlin's SFB Radio, in a Tuesday morning overview of the various demonstrations, said 200,000 people had taken part in them.

Bush not pondering Weinberger pardon

WASHINGTON (R) — White House Martin Fitzwater dismissed calls for President George Bush to pardon former Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger and said the president has not been pondering such action. Mr. Fitzwater brushed aside reports that pressure was mounting among some Republicans for Mr. Bush to grant a presidential pardon to Mr. Weinberger, indicted by a special prosecutor on charges stemming from the Iran-contra scandal.

Clinton seeks big business help for economic strategy

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas (AP) — President-Elect Bill Clinton's call to big business for help on an economic strategy is designed to show his commitment to crossing party lines and offering a different kind of government, aides say.

A planned economic summit, which will feature economists, labour representatives and academics, also is aimed at rallying the American public behind whatever economic plan Mr. Clinton comes up with before he takes it to Congress, a senior aide said Monday.

"He's buying into the country before he buys into Congress. He wants to get the people behind him," said the aide, who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

Mr. Clinton has not made any specific plans to meet with congressional leaders. On Monday his aides said he would hold an economic summit sometime after Thanksgiving.

"What he's trying to do is to show he's in touch and he wants to get a sense of the scope of the problem," Communications Director George Stephanopoulos said.

Mr. Clinton ran his campaign as a "new kind of Democrat" and pledged to cross party lines to solicit advice for solving America's problems. Mr. Clinton's outreach to business leaders is part of that effort, aides said.

"I think Clinton is demonstrating that he wants to be in tune with the business community," said Sandra Shaber, an economist at the Welfa Group, a Philadelphia forecasting firm. "This summit doesn't sound like some Democratic brain trust, some inner circle of technocrats. This is reaching out to the country."

Mr. Stephanopoulos added: "It's not Republican or Democrat; it's practical."

Mr. Clinton said Monday that he wanted "some of the brightest people in the country" to attend the summit. He said he would invite people from a "broad range of backgrounds" and "talk to them about the gravity of the situation, deal with what our options are, get as many good ideas as I can."

The president-elect huddled with a handful of key transition advisers into the evening Monday

at the Arkansas governor's mansion. Mr. Clinton and his aides were organising his transition team. No high-ranking posts or cabinet positions were expected to change this week, aides said.

Meanwhile, Democratic National Chairman Ronald Brown, who is expected to leave his party post in the new year, was quoted in published reports from Washington as saying some positions in the new administration "would be enticing" to him. He declined to identify the jobs.

Mr. Stephanopoulos said Mr. Clinton planned a conference call Tuesday with his full transition board and said the group likely would meet in Little Rock next week.

No major decisions were imminent, said one senior Clinton aide close to the transition process.

Also Monday, Mr. Clinton spoke by phone with three world leaders — German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and South African President F.W. de Klerk — to introduce himself. He told them he hoped to meet with each as soon as possible, but no meetings were scheduled.

This week, Mr. Clinton plans to speak with French President Francois Mitterrand, Greek Prime Minister Constantine Mitsotakis, King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, Indian Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao, Georgian leader Eduard Shevardnadze and Ukrainian President Leonid Kravchuk.

"All he wants to do is establish contact," said Mr. Stephanopoulos, who said Mr. Clinton was avoiding any detailed discussions until he takes office.

According to the aide, Mr. Clinton stressed his support for "no delay, no slowing down" of the peace process in the Middle East during his transition of power with President George Bush.

Mr. Rabin had called Mr. Clinton to congratulate him on his electoral victory and to wish him luck as "the leader of the free world," a statement from the Israeli government said.

Mr. Clinton transition Chairman Vernon Jordan said he did not exclude the possibility of seeking foreign policy advice from James Baker, who was the

Gore and wife lost in West Virginia woods

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